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Related to Set Item 3:

According to recent records provided by the Sheriff's Department, M7 inmates, the most serious and violent traditional county sentenced inmates (non-realignment inmates) are serving approximately 40% of their remaining sentences once credits, such as good time/work, are applied. The serious and violent charges faced by these inmates include crimes such as rape, kidnapping, mayhem, child abuse, child molestation, negligent discharge of a firearm, robbery and aggravated assault.

According to the Vanir report, there are approximately 1,334 traditional county sentenced inmates and over 6,100 inmates sentenced to county jails due to realignment. The early release of traditional county sentenced inmates is a function of space and budgetary constraints which existed prior to realignment but was compounded by realignment.

The jail system is one of the ways in which the county fulfills its obligation to protect the safety of its citizens. Releasing serious and violent inmates into the community early dilutes justice for the victims and undermines the justice system as a whole which involves our many justice partners who invest a tremendous amount of time and resources before an offender reaches the sentencing phase.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors, instruct the Sheriff, working with County Counsel and the Chief Executive Officer, take the appropriate steps to review and renew, as appropriate, the contract that was negotiated with Taft one year ago and place it on this board's October 8 agenda for consideration.

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